

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

February 1st & 2nd,
2020

Feast of the
Presentation of
the Lord



Mass Times:

Saturdays at 5:30pm
& Sundays at 10:45am

Nursery is available during
10:45 mass.

Rosary: Sunday at
10:10am

Confession:

Saturdays at 4:30 pm or by
appointment.

Message from our Pastor:

Today is the feast day of the Presentation of the Lord. Mary and Joseph on this day presented Christ in the temple according to Jewish law. They were faithful to their religion and customs. They had a virtue called the "virtue of religion." Just like you can have the virtue of moderation or a virtue of courage, you can also have a virtue of religion.

The virtue of religion is one that causes a person to render God the worship due to Him as the source of all being and the giver of all good things. It is a wonderful virtue that makes people feel like owe God worship because of all the amazing things He has done for them.

Today this virtue is severely lacking. The biggest evidence of this is the lack of faithful attendance at Mass each and every week. People now-a-days go to Mass when the 'feel' like it. It is great when you feel like going to Mass. But very often people do not feel like going to Mass. That is part of being human in the fallen human condition.

But the thing is, GOD IS STILL GOD WHETHER WE FEEL LIKE IT OR NOT. God still deserves our worship and attention whether we feel like giving it or not. God still deserves to be heard and listened to and obeyed whether we feel like it or not. And this is where the virtue of religion comes into play. The virtue of religion, if it is operating inside of us, if we have the virtue, will get us out of bed and going to Mass regardless of whether we 'feel' like it or not. It makes us faithful and consistent and disciplined in our practice of religion.

This virtue is so important!!! Because it is precisely when we do not 'feel' like worshipping God or loving God or praying that we need to pray and practice our religion. When we feel terrible it is all the more necessary to practice our religion. Practicing our religion heals us. Practicing our religion makes us feel better. Practicing our religion changes our perspective and pulls us out of the slump. Practicing our religion is the all-natural drug that heals us. You can never get a prescription from a doctor that has the power that comes from practicing our religion. Never. And the virtue of religion turns us to God and helps us practice our religion even when we absolutely do not 'feel' like it.

Push through the slump and build the virtue of religion in yourself. Your life and the life of your loved ones will be greatly benefited should you build this virtue in yourself. - Fr Rossi



Church Support as of January 26th, 2020

Weekly

Actual	\$2,637.00
Budgeted	<u>\$3,748.00</u>
Difference	-\$1,111.00

Year to Date

Actual	\$81,279.00
Budgeted	<u>\$112,431.00</u>
Difference	-\$31,151.78

News & Announcements:

Come Join the St. Patrick's Social Ministry at St. Francis Home for a Valentine's Visit! Join us on 2/15/2020 at 10am at St. Francis Home at 65 W. Clopton Street. Social Ministry will provide treats to distribute but consider bringing homemade or traditional Valentine's Cards to present to residents. Any questions contact Donna or Eddie Baird.

Sharing Sunday is next Sunday! Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is **March 1st.** **Please give if you can these next coming months the need tends to rise!** Drop non-perishable food items at the table in basement. Thank you.

Clearing out Clothing this New Year: The Saint Peter's clothes closet I in need of clothing. Especially men's clothing – long pants, belts, t-shirts, and sweaters. Also, Men and Women's warm socks and coats. Your donations may be dropped off at the St. Peter's Church basement.

IRISH FESTIVAL:

It is that time of year again. Time to start the planning for the Irish Festival. Meetings are happening after mass on Sunday downstairs please join us. As well we need a lot of help the weekend of the festival. There are sign up sheet's downstairs. Please sign up so we know we have shift covered.

Church Cleaning:

We have teams of two or more parishioners who volunteer to clean the church each month. The work is easy, takes about an hour each week and can be done whenever you have time to do it. If interested, please contact John Lo Re at 804-513-7173 or johnjlore@gmail.com.

Resource:

To keep up to date with the daily readings in the often-fast paced world, go to this URL www.usccb.org/bible/readings-audio.cfm on your computer or phone and you can listen to the daily readings each day. Enjoy.

Counting:

Looking for people who are interested in volunteering with the count of the collections. It takes about an hour and is not hard or complex; counters get good training to do the job. If you are interested, contact John Lo Re at 804-513-7173 or johnjlore@gmail.com.



Baptisms –

Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. Classes for 2020 are 3/29, 7/12, and 10/4. If you are interested in attending a class or scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Please note you may attend class prior to the birth of your baby

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If someone is dying or has died & you would like to talk with a priest, please call.